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(a) To provide assistance to the outlying areas in accordance with their respective populations of individuals aged 3 through 21; and

(b) For fiscal years 1998 through 2001, to carry out the competition described in § 300.719, except that the amount reserved to carry out that competition may not exceed the amount reserved for fiscal year 1996 for the competition under Part B of the Act described under the heading “SPECIAL EDUCATION” in Public Law 104-134.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1411(b)(1))

§ 300.718 Outlying area—definition.

As used in this part, the term outlying area means the United States Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1402(18))

§ 300.719 Limitation for freely associated States.

(a) *Competitive grants.* The Secretary uses funds described in § 300.717(b) to award grants, on a competitive basis, to Guam, American Samoa, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and the freely associated States to carry out the purposes of this part.

(b) *Award basis.* The Secretary awards grants under paragraph (a) of this section on a competitive basis, pursuant to the recommendations of the Pacific Region Educational Laboratory in Honolulu, Hawaii. Those recommendations must be made by experts in the field of special education and related services.

(c) *Assistance requirements.* Any freely associated State that wishes to receive funds under Part B of the Act shall include, in its application for assistance—

(1) Information demonstrating that it will meet all conditions that apply to States under Part B of the Act;

(2) An assurance that, notwithstanding any other provision of Part B of the Act, it will use those funds only for the direct provision of special education and related services to children with disabilities and to enhance its capacity to make FAPE available to all children with disabilities;

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(3) The identity of the source and amount of funds, in addition to funds under Part B of the Act, that it will make available to ensure that FAPE is available to all children with disabilities within its jurisdiction; and

(4) Such other information and assurances as the Secretary may require.

(d) *Termination of eligibility.* Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the freely associated States may not receive any funds under Part B of the Act for any program year that begins after September 30, 2001.

(e) *Administrative costs.* The Secretary may provide not more than five percent of the amount reserved for grants under this section to pay the administrative costs of the Pacific Region Educational Laboratory under paragraph (b) of this section.

(f) *Eligibility for award.* An outlying area is not eligible for a competitive award under § 300.719 unless it receives assistance under § 300.717(a).

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1411(b)(2) and (3))

§ 300.720 Special rule.

The provisions of Public Law 95-134, permitting the consolidation of grants by the outlying areas, do not apply to funds provided to those areas or to the freely associated States under Part B of the Act.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1411(b)(4))

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§ 300.722 Definition.

As used in this part, the term *freely associated States* means the Republic of the Marshall Islands, the Federated States of Micronesia, and the Republic of Palau.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1411(b)(6))

REPORTS

§ 300.750 Annual report of children served—report requirement.

(a) The SEA shall report to the Secretary no later than February 1 of each year the number of children with disabilities aged 3 through 21 residing in the State who are receiving special education and related services.

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(b) The SEA shall submit the report on forms provided by the Secretary.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1411(d)(2); 1418(a))

§ 300.751 Annual report of children served—information required in the report.

(a) For any year the SEA shall include in its report a table that shows the number of children with disabilities receiving special education and related services on December 1, or at the State's discretion on the last Friday in October, of that school year—

- (1) Aged 3 through 5;
- (2) Aged 6 through 17; and
- (3) Aged 18 through 21.

(b) For the purpose of this part, a child's age is the child's actual age on the date of the child count: December 1, or, at the State's discretion, the last Friday in October.

(c) Reports must also include the number of those children with disabilities aged 3 through 21 for each year of age (3, 4, 5, etc.) within each disability category, as defined in the definition of "children with disabilities" in § 300.7; and

(d) The Secretary may permit the collection of the data in paragraph (c) of this section through sampling.

(e) The SEA may not report a child under paragraph (c) of this section under more than one disability category.

(f) If a child with a disability has more than one disability, the SEA shall report that child under paragraph (c) of this section in accordance with the following procedure:

(1) If a child has only two disabilities and those disabilities are deafness and blindness, and the child is not reported as having a developmental delay, that child must be reported under the category "deaf-blindness".

(2) A child who has more than one disability and is not reported as having deaf-blindness or as having a developmental delay must be reported under the category "multiple disabilities".

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1411(d)(2); 1418(a) and (b))

§ 300.752 Annual report of children served—certification.

The SEA shall include in its report a certification signed by an authorized

official of the agency that the information provided under § 300.751(a) is an accurate and unduplicated count of children with disabilities receiving special education and related services on the dates in question.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1411(d)(2); 1417(b))

§ 300.753 Annual report of children served—criteria for counting children.

(a) The SEA may include in its report children with disabilities who are enrolled in a school or program that is operated or supported by a public agency, and that—

(1) Provides them with both special education and related services that meet State standards;

(2) Provides them only with special education, if a related service is not required, that meets State standards; or

(3) In the case of children with disabilities enrolled by their parents in private schools, provides them with special education or related services under §§ 300.452–300.462 that meet State standards.

(b) The SEA may not include children with disabilities in its report who are receiving special education funded solely by the Federal Government, including children served by the Department of Interior, the Department of Defense, or the Department of Education. However, the State may count children covered under § 300.184(c)(2).

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1411(d)(2); 1417(b))

§ 300.754 Annual report of children served—other responsibilities of the SEA.

In addition to meeting the other requirements of §§ 300.750–300.753, the SEA shall—

(a) Establish procedures to be used by LEAs and other educational institutions in counting the number of children with disabilities receiving special education and related services;

(b) Set dates by which those agencies and institutions must report to the SEA to ensure that the State complies with § 300.750(a);

(c) Obtain certification from each agency and institution that an unduplicated and accurate count has been made;